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Arrest of Armando Posadas Hernandez

On January 22, 2004, Armando Posadas Hernandez was apprehended in Denver by the Denver Fugitive Task Force. Hernandez arrived in Yakima on Wednesday, February 18, 2004.

Hernandez was wanted by the Washington State Patrol Criminal Investigation Division (CID) for vehicular assault and hit-and-run charges that were a result of a two-vehicle collision that occurred on August 23, 1997. Hernandez was traveling northbound on Lateral C when he failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection with Lateral 1. The collision seriously injured a passenger in the victim vehicle and a passenger in Hernandez's vehicle. Hernandez fled the scene shortly after the collision. CID completed their investigation and submitted the case to the Yakima County Prosecutor's Office. Hernandez was charged with Hit-and-Run and two counts of Vehicular Assault by the Yakima County Prosecutor's Office, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

CID took actions to locate and bring Hernandez to justice. Hernandez's photograph and description, along with a brief summary of the charges, were placed on the newly created WSP CID "Most Wanted" Web page at <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/crime/wanted.htm>.

The WSP CID unit in Yakima located an address for Hernandez in Denver, Colorado. WSP Detective Terry Liebrecht worked with the Colorado Bureau of Investigations and the Denver Fugitive Task Force to locate and apprehend Hernandez. Investigators from the Denver Fugitive Task Force arrested Hernandez in Denver on the WSP warrants.

Yesterday, February 18, 2004, Hernandez was booked into the Yakima County Jail to answer the Vehicular Assault and Hit-and-Run charges.

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